

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2006, the present application has been carefully reviewed and amended. Entry of the foregoing amendment and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Drawings

Replacement sheets 2, 3, 4 and 6 are included with the present response. These sheets have been amended to include reference number 57. No new subject matter has been introduced.

Specification

Paragraph 24 has been amended to include recitation of element 57, as set forth in Figures 2, 3, 4 and 6. No new subject matter has been introduced.

Rejections under 35 USC §103*Claims 13 - 19*

Claims 13 - 19 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over GB 2233706 in view of Anderson (US 2,154,716).

Independent Claim 13 has been amended to recite in part "a four bar hinge assembly having a first stack height, the four bar hinge assembly including a vent bar, a first link, a second link, a third link and a track, the vent bar for securing to the window sash." As this limitation distinguishes the cited combination of references, Applicant respectfully submits Claim 13 is in condition for allowance. As Claims 14 and 15

depend from Claim 13 and include all the limitations thereof, these claims are also in condition for allowance.


Claim 17 depended from Claim 16 and was deemed to include allowable subject matter. Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 17 and is thus believed in condition for allowance. Claim 19 has been amended to depend from Claim 16. Thus, depending Claims 18 and 19 are believed in condition for allowance.

In view of the allowability of subject matter set forth in the outstanding final Office Action, the present amendments had not been previously presented.

Therefore, all the pending claims, Claims 1 - 16 and 18 - 19 are believed in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If, however, the Examiner feels that any further issues remain, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned so that such matters can be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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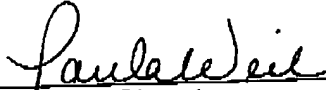
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